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cc:  
Subject: LGB Airport

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing you to ask for your strongest support for expansion of the Long Beach Airport, LGB.

Few things drive the regional economy stronger than an efficient and modern airport, but LGB has long since reached its capacity. Overcrowding of terminals, security areas and roads are making LGB look more like the LAX most passengers are driving far to avoid. The service provided by jetBlue and other local carriers has become extraordinarily popular and it would be a huge mistake for the city of Long Beach to turn away not only the out-of-state business- and vacation travelers, but all those Angelinos who go out of their way to fly out of Long Beach. A substantial cross-section of Long Beach companies, employing local residents, will see an increase in business, in turn generating income for the city through fees and taxes. The economic impact of a vibrant airport has been proven over and over in city after city throughout the country and ours is in desperate need of expansion and modernization.

The environmental impact of a growing airport has been studied repeatedly and extensively. As protective as I am about local flora and fauna, as little consideration do I give to those few individuals who try to abuse the EIR for their own personal, short term gain. Building condominiums on what until very recently was airport property, shows an utter disregard for the obvious. What's next? Closing a lane on the 405 and build homes? I strongly encourage you to support growth and expansion that benefits all of Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Henrik von Buttlar